At the last stated Meeting of the Sunday School Society of Christ Church & St James the undersigned were chosen to give you a statement of our present situation. -

We have now been in exist-ence five years during which time from 6 to 7 hundred children have received more or less instruction. we have at this time 200 Children 150 of whom are regular in attend-ance - Heretofore these schools have been supported by individual subscriptions & do-nations; this source of support has been liberal but it now begins to fail us, and such repeated application for charity seem to impair our claims for that which must unavoidably follow - The causes of this may be found in the difficulties which affect the community in general and in the frequent calls that are made on the charitable persons in aid of the different societies

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Hugh De Haven Jr
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Philad.a June 6th 1821

Communication from Messrs Bettom
Sund & Taylor relative to the Sunday
Schools of Christ Church & St James's
6. June 1821—

John Read Esq.
For the Vestry of Christ
Church St Peter's & St James's

Easton - August 13th 1821.

My Dear Sir.

I have hitherto been prevented, by the more pressing duties of my avocation, from replying to your recent communications on the subject of my appointment.-

Having recalled my nomination some time before the election was entered upon by the vestry, for an assistant to the Bishop.- I have deemed myself at liberty on the present occasion, to use my own judgement and discretion in accepting or declining the situation which has been proffered me.-

I should be sorry indeed if my conduct on the subject should be charged with caprice or indecision. and it is not without pain I now communicate my determination of remaining in my present situation at Easton. lest I may thereby appear to some, perversely to disoblige my friends, who have thought me worthy of, and have secured to me this honorable appointment.-

It were useless for me to trouble the vestry with a detailed statement of the different reasons which have weighed with me in making this determination They will I trust appreciate the principal reason which hath led me to remain, i.e. the nature of my connexion with the church of which I am the Rector.

I have been made the [illegible] honored instrument of Gods providence in establishing (so far as ministerial services are concerned) an Episcopal congregation here who are sincerely attached to the doctrines, discipline and worship of the church. This congregation in a time of great difficulty and pecuniary distress have accomplished by their zeal, & with the prospect of having my services for a while among them, a neat and costly church; have furnished it with every thing which can render the administration of our public service & worship gratifying to the minister & edifying to the hearers, & they have made every exertion to promote my personal support and comfort, when no longer a Missionary. and though not in the reception of as much nominally as I should [illegible] by a change - it will be sufficient for my present wants. Moreover until my recent appointment was made known to our vestry, and they became a matter of general notoriety. I had not learned how acceptable my ministrations have been to the people of this borough and especially how strong are the affections of my congregation towards me. — Under these circumstances by remaining I have a fair hope of promoting the principles of our Holy religion in a neighbourhood where the sense and feeling of true & Evangelical religion is very low whilst on the contrary my sudden departure would in

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in all probability deprive the ardour which Episcopalians have evinced - and prove deleterious to the new but growing prosperity of their church.

I have therefore felt myself constrained both by a sense of gratitude, and duty to remain in my present situation a little longer till the congregation is more confirmed and established; or at least until other circumstances, besides mere greater worldly advantages or an imaginary prospect of greater usefulness, shall render my removal necessary and expedient. —

I request - Dear Sir, that you will make known this my determination to the vestry which you represent, accompanied with my gratitude and thanks for the friendly notice they have taken of me in making their appointments and with the sincere hope, that they may obtain speedily a supply, who will prove more useful and satisfactory, than I could ever have been. -

With sentiments of unfeigned regard on account of your continued friendship

I remain yours &c

John Rodney Junr

Mr Hugh De Hart.

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Mr Hugh De Haven

North South Street

Philadelphia

Henry Piatt Esq.

Stating the amount due on
D. Abercrombies order -

24 Nov. 1822.

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John Read Esq.

Sir

I find that after receiving the payment of one Hundred Dollars from you in January Next for account of D.r Abercrombie there will be a Deficiency of Thirty seven Dollars 43/100 - After which the order of Dr A - will be fully satisfied

Your Obd.t Servant

Henry Piatt

24.th Nov.r 1821

on the 10.th april next you will please retain from my Salary Thirty seven dollars & 43/100 due to Mr. Piatt as appears by the above note.

24. nov. 1821

Jas Abercrombie